

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1257

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A RESOLUTION to commend Representative Phillip Pinion for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost probity, and whose efforts during their time in office were dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their district and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Phillip Pinion is one such distinguished public servant who has served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Representative Pinion has been a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of the 77th House District, and he served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, Representative Pinion's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, the good people of House District 77 evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of Phillip Pinion by electing him as their representative, a position to which he dedicated himself admirably; and

WHEREAS, as a House member of the 96th through 105th General Assemblies, Phillip Pinion was prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always voted his conscience; and

WHEREAS, he commendably led his fellow Democrat members as the Assistant Majority Whip of the 96th General Assembly and as the House Majority Whip of the 97th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, possessing a thirst for knowledge, Representative Pinion attended Bethel College and the University of Tennessee at Martin before attending the Nashville School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Phillip Pinion answered the patriotic call to duty and valiantly served his country as a member of the United States Navy, the Tennessee National Guard and the Tennessee State Guard, in which he attained the rank of Major; and

WHEREAS, Representative Pinion was an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process and earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for his outstanding contributions and service throughout his tenure, during which he astutely served as a member of the House Calendar and Rules Committee, the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee, the Joint Business Tax Committee, the Joint Oversight Committee on Corrections, and as Chairman of the House Transportation Committee; and

WHEREAS, a man who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of leadership and citizenship, Phillip Pinion has given his time and energies to many community, civic, and charitable organizations, including service as a board member of Commercial Bank and Bethel College; and

WHEREAS, a talented, astute, and productive professional, Representative Pinion has served as a distinguished member of the Union City-Obion County Chamber of Commerce, Union City Rotary Club, and the Union City Lodge 538 F&AM; and

WHEREAS, Phillip Pinion has received numerous awards and honors throughout his career, including Bethel College's 1992 Outstanding Alumni award, the National Association of the Self-Employed's 1992 Legislator of the Year award, the Tennessee Developmental District's 1996 Legislator of the Year award, the 1996 Pride of Obion County Recipient, and the Northwest Tennessee Development District's 2007 Legislator of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, Representative Pinion is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many civic and professional accomplishments aside, Phillip Pinion is fortunate to receive the love and support of his children, Chip and Chad, and his grandson, A.J.; and

WHEREAS, Representative Pinion is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Phillip Pinion for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 77th House District, and extend to him our best wishes for every success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.